

Application Serial No. 10/734,329
Reply to Office Action of June 29, 2004

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-22 are pending in the present application before this amendment.
By the present amendment, Claims 12, 17, and 22 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 12-22 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,707,665 (665 Patent).

In response to the obviousness-type double patenting rejection, all independent Claims 12, 17, and 22 have been amended, inter alia, to include a claimed feature which is believed to place these claims in patentably distinct form in comparison to those in the 665 Patent.

In particular, Applicants respectfully submit that the feature about the claimed hook member directed to --a second transverse position, in which, said engaging end is separated from said first housing-- is not recited in and is not considered obvious from Claim 1 of the 665 Patent.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection and substantive examination of the pending Claims 12-22. This amendment is considered to be responsive to all points raised in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and earnestly solicit

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an indication of allowable subject matter. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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